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larger ferns, such as grew in the middle section of this corner, would give more satisfaction than the small rock ferns.

Another attractive feature of this fern bed was the wild flowers. Many sprang up from seeds in the soil, while others were brought from the woods. It was a source of early spring pleasure, while the croziers of the ferns were slowly unfolding, to watch for new blossoms each day, Jack-in-the-pulpit, hepaticas, violets, coltsfoot, Solomon's seal and others in their season. Even cowslips and cardinal flowers were persuaded to blossom in the swamp box. A sprig of meadow rue, a goldenrod, and a Joe-pye-weed also found a footing in this goodly company. Each day some new and charming aspect presented itself to the watcher, and with no extra labor. All these friends ask is to be left alone under favorable conditions and they will fulfill their destiny to the best of their ability.

Henry Ward Beecher once said:

"Ferns and flowers are the only things God made and forgot to put a soul into them."

SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Notes and news

Mr. William R. Maxon, of the United States National Museum, leaves on a collecting trip to Panama at the end of January.

On the evening of January 12, 1911, Mr. Robert A. Ware gave a talk on New England ferns before the Boston members of the Appalachian Mountain Club. He discussed the structure and growth of the fern and showed specimens of all the species native to New England. Other members of the American Fern Society who were present are Messrs. F. G. Floyd, H. G. Rugg, and E. J. Winslow.

Recent elections of interest:

President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Charles E. Bessey, professor of botany and dean at the University of Nebraska.

President of the Botanical Society of America, Professor W. G. Farlow, of Harvard University.

President of the Torrey Botanical Club, Dr. Henry H. Rusby, professor of botany and dean at the New York College of Pharmacy.

Mrs. M. A. Noble, of Inverness, Fla., whose herbarium was destroyed by fire some time ago, has received many specimens from members of the American Fern Society, but still lacks a large number, particularly of western species. Those who can spare duplicates of such specimens will confer a highly appreciated favor by sending them to Mrs. Noble.

Mr. W. A. Poyser, Hammond, Ind., offers specimens of *Equisetum scirpoides* Michx. to members of the American Fern Society.

Mr. Willard N. Clute, of Joliet, Ill., for a number of years chairman of the Advisory Council of the American Fern Society, has resigned as a member of the Advisory Council, and the office of chairman devolves on Dr. C. E. Waters, of the Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

Corrections and additions to the list of members:

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| 10. Barbour, W. C., Succasunna, N. J..... | 1910 |
| 129. Sanborn, Miss Sarah F., 54 Centre St., Concord, N. H.... | 1910 |
| 130. Prince, Prof. S. Fred., 1207 W. Main St., Urbana, Ill.... | 1902 |
| Steere, Mrs. Wm. W., 10 Holmfield Ave., Hyde Park, Mass. | |
| Grout, Dr. A. J., New Dorp, N. Y..... | 1911 |
| Wharton, Miss Susan P., 910 Clinton St., Philadelphia, Pa. | 1911 |

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